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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 5687

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VN, VS, SW

SUBJECT: SWEDISH VIEWS ON VIETNAM

REF: STOCKHOLM 4921

1. ERIC VIRGIN, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND NOW ON LEAVE IN STOCKHOLM, CALLED ON ME AND CONTRIBUTED HIS EVALUATION OF DRV INTENTIONS AS HE SEES THEM FROM BANGKOK. WITHOUT CONTRADICTING HIS FOREIGN MINISTERS ASSESSMENT (STOCKHOLM 4921) THAT THE DRV MILITARY BUILD-UP EVENTUALLY COULD LEAD TO FULL SCALE HOSTILITIES, VIRGIN SAID HE THINKS MAJOR OFFENSIVE UNLIKELY IN NEXT SIX MONTHS. DRV POLICY IS TO KEEP UP PRESSURES INTENDED TO AGGRAVATE INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THIEU, AND TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN, SO THAT MILITARY FORCE CAN BE APPLIED EFFECTIVELY IF THIEU CONTINUES TO SURVIVE.

2. VIRGIN THINKS THIEU RECENTLY HAS REGAINED SIGNIFICANT CATHOLIC SUPPORT. HE DESCRIBES PRESENT SWEDISH-GVN RELATIONS AS DEFINED BY RIKSDAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AS "HAVING CEASED" AND SAYS THE MOST ACTIVE REMAINING LINK BETWEEN SAIGON AND STOCKHOLM IS A SWEDISH ACADEMIC WHO RESIDES IN SAIGON TO OCCUPY HIMSELF WITH THE BUDDHIST COMMUNITY AND THAT COMMUNITY'S  
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